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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" As Sanskrit is begun in the middle schools and as it has been represented to me and as I know from my personal knowledge that a number of Sanskrit Pandits have to go out of these schools, will the Government kindly consider prescribing the appointment of at least one Sanskrit Pandit in each high school and each middle school? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It depends upon the demand by the students to learn Sanskrit. We cannot simply appoint pandits when there is no demand for it."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" The policy just adumbrated by the Government is discouraging Sanskrit to a little extent. May I point out to the Government that on account of the scientific knowledge and other treasures that we have to derive from Sanskrit, it is but the duty of the Government to sanction at least one Sanskrit Pandit as in the case of Hindi? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We have not discouraged the learning of Sanskrit. It all depends upon the students themselves and the parents themselves to a certain extent, and if there is no demand, we cannot create a demand for that."

Announcement by Government regarding shortened B.T. course

* 318 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Government when inviting applications to the first shortened B.T. course conducted at Saidapet in 1949 announced through a press note that candidates undergoing that course would be eligible to be Headmasters of High Schools;

(*b*) whether at any time subsequently such announcement was modified and orders issued with regard to the subsequent shortened courses that shortened B.Ts. could not be Headmasters of High Schools; and

(*c*) if so, whether the candidates who underwent training as per the Government's first announcement have been exempted from the operation of the subsequent rule?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) No modified orders were issued. The Principal, Teachers' College, Saidapet, seems to have published in the December 1953 issue of the ' New Education ' that the holders of the Collegiate Teacher's Certificate were not considered eligible to hold the post of Headmasters of High Schools. What the Principal appears to have published in the ' New Education ' is not correct and he is being asked to issue a correction.

" (*c*) No management has applied for exemption on behalf of any candidate."

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Is the journal 'New Education' published under the authority of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" My friend may know it better. I do not have the information here."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, am I to understand from this statement that the original undertaking of the Government holds good and that teachers with Collegiate Trained Teachers' Certificates are eligible to become Headmasters of High schools even now? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I think the hon. Member can follow the answer which I had already given."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Will the Government kindly see that a clarification is issued in the journal cancelling the original statement that was issued by them? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is what I had stated in the answer. The Principal has been asked to issue a correction."

Panchayat boards in Tanjore district

* 319 *Q.*—SRI T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether all the villages in Tanjore district having a population of 500 to 1,000 are administered by panchayat boards; and

(*b*) how many of them are provided with electricity and drinking water facilities?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Forty-three of them have been provided with electricity and 388 have been provided with drinking water facilities."

Grant of daily allowance to teachers in aided institutions who were posted for election duty at the recent District Board elections in the State.

* 320 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the rates of daily allowance granted to teachers in aided institutions (elementary and secondary schools) who were posted for election duty at the recent District Board elections in the State;

(*b*) whether different rates of daily allowance have been granted to Government servants drawing the same salary; and

(*c*) if so, the reasons therefor?